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INTERVIEW
MARTY JANNETTY

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JC: Why exactly did you leave the WWF?

MJ: I really had no choice, there were a lot of legal matters coming up there. I've got about another 3-4 weeks maybe, and these legal matters will be solved. Once again, I don't if Shawn wasn't in on this, but there are some legal problems with my contract. Like I said, I don't want to say anything and be wrong about it, but I don't know that Shawn wasn't involved with this. In our contracts, we had a clause where we would not wrestle single matches, except for a handful for TV. We were supposed to wrestle as a tag team, solely as a tag team. All of a sudden, Shawn's contract was a little different, he could wrestle singles. And I had a couple singles matches after we split up, I wrestled Rick Martel and then I wrestled Kato. So I had a couple single matches and then, all of a sudden, they came up with my contract and said that breaches my contract. I mean I never read the fine details of that contract because it's about 12 pages long. I never had any problem with it before and then they came up to me and said, 'You broke your contract by having these single matches.' I said, well what about Shawn, he's had about 20 now. And they said, 'Well your contract's not the same as his.' So they legally got me screwed there, not a thing I could do, in fact I'm being sued in a few places. That is where it all started. They held me out, they threatened to sue me if I wrestled anywhere else, but then they called me up and said that they wanted me to make a living and wrestle somewhere else, but there's really nowhere else to wrestle and make any good money. I was under suspension without pay for six months and that's just about up.

JC: Did you get into some other type of legal trouble, where now you're not allowed to leave your house?

MJ: As I said, that was the beginning of my legal trouble. Then there was a deal down in Tampa and you can go ahead and put it on record that the Tampa Police Department is a bunch of assholes. I was out at a club, the mistake I made was being with an underage girl, but I didn't know she was underage. She was a dancer at a "doll house," therefore, I figured she was old enough. We were at another club, the Yucatan, a lot of the wrestlers go there. So I was there with the girl, hanging out, having a good time, minding our own business. She was 19 or 20, I had no idea, I didn't know you could be underage and dance at a "doll house." So she got a few drinks in her and they knew she was underage, but they knew me there so they were letting it slide. But when she started acting up, making a scene, they said, 'That's it, we've got to get her out of here,' and they had the police escort her out. She was with me, that was my date for the evening, so I went out with her, figuring they were just going to make us leave. But we got out the front door and the police officer asked her for an ID. Well she had a fake one and she didn't want to show it to him. So he reached for her pocketbook and she yanked away from him. The cop grabbed her, threw her to the concrete road, she was a little girl, about 5'2", 100 pounds. This big cop grabs, throws her, I mean belly to back slams her to the concrete and took the back of her head, grabbed a handful of hair and banged her head on the road. It was a reaction for me, I couldn't believe what I was seeing, I grabbed the cop and pulled him off. From there, there were two other cops that went nuts, they tried to beat me up and I never punched any of them, but I wouldn't let them beat me up and they got really pissed off about that. So they arrested me for resisting arrest and obstruction of justice, which is a felony. And I had to go to court for that and we plea bargained and that was a bunch of legal mess. I took a bad fall there. That Tampa Police Department is the shits. When you got a guy who's 240 pounds and wants to beat up a girl, but he can't beat up a guy, and the judge and everybody else is taking up for it, well that's just a bunch of bullshit to me.

JC: Was there any charges against you for drug possession?

MJ: They didn't find any on me, they found some on her. But I've heard stories floating around, everything from they found a kilo of coke on me to I was dealing it in the club. They only found it on her, it was like a little package, she had maybe a gram of coke in her pocketbook. The thing I was arrested for was the.... At first they charged me with assault of an officer, but I never punched any of them, I just held them back from trying to beat me up. They're a bunch of wimps, they couldn't do it and they got pissed off about it. It was right around the time they were showing that Rodney King beating on TV everyday and I wasn't going to be another Rodney King. We got to court and it just came down to obstruction of justice and resisting arrest.

JC: Did you have any problems with a particular female judge at the trial?

MJ: When I went to court, a lot of people recognized me and in fact, there was a couple of the lawyers there coming and asking for autographs for their kids. And she didn't know wrestling, she probably didn't know anything other than *General Hospital*, and she just knew that I was getting some attention and she didn't like it, so she was really hard on me. In fact, the girl, who was underage, who caused the whole problem, she got like a year of probation, no restrictions, she could just come and go as she pleased. And me saving her ass from getting beat up by the cops, got house arrest, 2 1/2 years of probation after the house arrest, ungodly fines, and community service hours, so I really got screwed. And after that, I asked her, was there anyway I was going to get AIDS from this? And she said, 'What do you mean?' I said, well, I just got f__ed. And I think that didn't help too much. I guarantee that our legal system sucks, where's the justice? Another injustice with the law is California. Shawn and I were going to the ring in Sacramento and there was a guy who spit a beer on me. He was a pretty big fella, he took a big sip of his beer and boy, he got me right in the face, he got me good. And I couldn't see him because he blinded me with the beer, but Shawn pointed him out to the cops and they grabbed him and they took him back to the back and held him until after our match. When we came back from our match, the cops said, 'Look, we got the guy back here and you can charge him with assault. We saw it, you got one of our officers who saw it. But we'd rather you just go ahead and give him a scare.' This was new to me, I mean this guy was probably 6'4", 250, and I'm thinking, hell, how am I going to go give that big guy a scare. I didn't know what he meant. I said, what am I supposed to do, go over and yell at him, what if he gets up and beats the shit out of me? I said, well, okay, I'll do whatever I can. I walked in, they had him in one of those little rooms, they shut the door behind us and the guy was sitting there. So I said, hey, what's wrong with you, what is the deal with the beer. He says, 'F__ you,' and he went ahead and took a swing at me. I ducked and I hit him once and he fell to the ground. Well now that guy is suing me. And the cop that took me to the room, put in an incident report that Shawn and I pushed him (the officer) aside and ran in the room and put the boots to the guy, which is a complete lie because the cop took us back there. Meanwhile, the guy spit a beer on me, took a puch at me and he's suing me for a million and a half dollars. He's completely wrong, he's not going to win anything, but I am going to have to pay $20,000 for a lawyer to defend that. I'll tell you, one time I saw something in San Diego that simply amazed me and that was- Jake the Snake went to the ring and there was a bunch of drunks sitting ringside and they were yelling out to him, 'Hey, we f__ed your wife last night, she sure was good.' And Jake had had a bad day and had an argument with his wife that day as it was. These guys were screaming this out at ringside in front of thousands of people. And Jake slid right out of the ring and punched one of them, and they sued Jake. It ended up costing him a ton of money and here these guys, it was okay for them to go yelling that. But if a guy's going to go and do that, than he should take the consequences. I couldn't imagine me going up to Bruce Smith of the Buffalo Bills and saying, 'Hey you f__ing nigger, I f__ed your wife.' I'd except to get my ass beat. But the law doesn't allow that, the law protects assholes.

JC: What other lawsuits have you been involved in?

MJ: Well there was a guy down in Tampa, while wrestling he got his neck broken in the match. It was a TV taping, but they didn't put it on TV, of course. There was a guy, Shawn and I was wrestling, he'd only had a handful of matches. And he told us he'd been wrestling for months and was real experienced, which wasn't true. There's this one particular move I do. I haven't done it at all lately, because I haven't been around! But that move where I put my leg over the back of the guy's head, where I sit straight down. To me, it was a variation of Jake's DDT, that's where I came up with the move. But this guy didn't really know what he was doing and I explained to him back in the dressing room what was going on and how to do it. So I said, now this move I do, I probably won't do it with you because you're new. He said, 'No, no, I know which move it is, I love it, I want to do it.' So he got out there and did it wrong and broke his neck. What he did was, he tried to dive, all we wanted him to do was take a forward roll, which he couldn't do. And he dove, landed on the top of his head and his whole body went over the top of his head and snapped his neck. So we were involved in a lawsuit there.

JC: Did he sue you personally or you and the company?

MJ: He sued me, Shawn, and Titan Sports.

JC: I would have thought that any workers, even jobbers, would have to sign some type of waiver or something, releasing Titan Sports of all liabilities.

MJ: There's waivers they sign, whether or not he did that night, I don't know because there was a lot of confusion

that night. But usually Titan Sports will not let you go into the ring without signing waivers. When a guy steps in the ring and he doesn't know what he's doing and he causes his own injury, that's what waivers are for, so they can't hold us liable. But the laws have really showed me some strange things in the past year.

JC: Going back to 1990, when you and Shawn won the tag team belts, what happened with the whole situation and what was the real reason the belts were taken away from you?

MJ: It was taped for Saturday Night's Main Event and the rope broke in the second fall and it was a fall in which they (Hart Foundation) won, but they (WWF) used that for an excuse that they couldn't sanction the match. The Harts won that fall when the rope broke, so it really shouldn't have mattered anyway. I don't know if it had anything to do with the production of the TV or if they just were afraid of what might happen if we were champions cause we were fairly popular with the crowd and we had never been champions. If we had been champions, we might have gotten over with the people much more than they wanted us to be. So to speak, we would have had an upper hand on the say-so of things, and I think maybe they didn't want to do that. We took the belts home that night and then three days later they called us and said, 'Look, President Jack Tunney doesn't want to sanction that match and it can't be legal, the rope was broke.' They quoted some rule to us that it couldn't be a legally sanctioned match and that the belts were going back to the Harts. But Shawn and I kind of looked at each other and said, 'Yeah.., bullshit!'

JC: Did they honestly tell you that, I mean most fans know that Jack Tunney is nothing but a stooge playing the role as president of WWF, which we all know isn't true.

MJ: Yeah, well we know that and you know that, but sometimes they think that the wrestlers are really like dummies off the street.

JC: I just can't believe they would honestly tell you that.
MJ: Oh yeah. They called me at my house, Shawn was over here, I live in Orlando, we were going to wrestle in Tampa that evening, so we spent the night here at my house. Vince McMahon called my house and told me and I said, wait a minute, please, tell Shawn this too! It was like a slap in the face. We asked him, tell us, was it the match was the shits, was it something we did again outside the ring, is it you don't like us representing the WWF, so what is the real reason. He goes, 'No, no, that's the reason.' So there was really nothing else we could say. If that's what he wants to tell you, then that's what he tells you and you have to go with it. He pays the checks. That's the main thing right there, as long as you're bringing home big cash, he can do what he wants with the belts. It's just extra weight to carry through the airport.

JC: I hear you're quite a practical joker. Can you tell us some of the more famous jokes that have gone down in the back or on the road?

MJ: I will say I've seen some funny things. Well if you remember Mr. Sato (Akio Sato of the Orient Express) when he was here, he was the brunt of punishment, of ribs, as we called them. We were wrestling them pretty much all the time, so that eliminated us from being able to do this stuff, so we'll say! There were several times Sato would come back from the ring and he would be getting dressed and we'd be watching him. He'd put his shirt on, whistling, having a good time, then he'd stick his pants on and there would be one of the pant legs missing, somebody had cut his pant leg in half! And he'd be saying, 'Oh you guys, you cut my leg of the pant!' (Marty does a great imitation.) There was another time, I think this was maybe the next day, he was getting dressed. The first thing he did is grab his pants and make sure both legs were there, looked at his shirt and made sure it was all together, and put everything on. He goes, 'Oh you guys, you guys not get me tonight.' Then he went to get his shoes and somebody had nailed his shoes to the floor! Another thing the guys like to do, especially with Sato, they would always tell him that this promoter was looking for him, he was in the next room. What they would do was, they would set a big bucket of water on top of the door. He'd go over there and open the door and that thing would fall on him, and he fell for that every time. He used to come back, 'Oh you guys, why do you guys do this.' There was another time, we were wrestling at a high school gym and all the guys left, he was the last one out and whoever was right before him, shut the gates and chained the locks to the gates and he was stuck in the school overnight. That's probably why he left and went back to Japan!

JC: What would be the absolute best practical joke that you can think of?

MJ: Man, there's been some good ones and Mr. Perfect was really the head of them, he was really good at them. One thing that was funny to me was at the TV taping, they had the coffee over on the table. See at the tapings, we've got interviews all day long and then the matches all night, so it's a long, tedious day. They have a buffet during the day and then they have coffee, fruit and cokes and drinks all during the evening. And somebody got to the coffee and spiked it. And they spiked it with some sleeping powder, the stuff that was outlawed by the GHP. And man, that stuff would knock you out, it doesn't matter how much you fought it, you were out. So somebody had dumped a whole bottle of it in the coffee and we didn't say anything. But we were noticing that the Bushwhackers were over in the corner and falling asleep. And Sherri Martel had a little short dress on as usual, and fell asleep in the chair, I mean she was completely unconscious. She fell over, her dress came all the way up her legs that were like wide open, and she just passed out. And some of the guys went over and shaved her eyebrows and painted a moustache on her! And there were

about four or five of the guys walking around just about falling in their tracks. By the end of the day, there was about twenty guys passed out all over the place. Then Vince McMahon was walking around wondering what the hell is going on? Many times, we call him the Underweartaker, the Undertaker, Underweartaker would come back from the ring and he would find his hat and the rest of his gear tied to a rope at the top of the ceiling, chained there. He'd have to get a janitor or somebody to lower the rope so he could get his things. He was really cool about it, though. He'd come back and he'd look for his stuff and all the guys were laughing, because they knew it was hanging about twenty feet up above him on the ceiling. Well he'd look up and he just kind of stared at it for about a minute and then he'd look right dead at me and Shawn, kind of gave a little grin, and then he looked at the Nasty Boys and nodded his head, 'yeah,' then he looked at Mr. Perfect and he said, 'Okay,' that's all he said. He took it well, he's really cool.

JC: Sounds like some good times on the road. Do you miss being on the road?

MJ: Yeah, you know, when you're doing it all the time, you get tired of it, you say, I want to stay home. But I tell you what, I've been home now for six months and I can't wait to get on the road.

JC: How would compare yourself to the Marty Jannetty in the ring? Did you ever want to change anything....

MJ: I was just pretty much myself. I enjoyed it because I didn't have to put a lot of thought into it. I just had to go out and be myself cause I'm always energetic, I love wrestling, I like to have a good time. And I think that's all I really displayed in the ring, was that I was out there to do a good job and enjoy my job. I don't know if I could ever carry out a gimmick, I don't know if I have the character for it or the personality traits to carry out a gimmick. I just like doing the rock and roll type gimmick. But I'll tell you, Vince is a mastermind at that. He can just watch a person and then enhance their character with a gimmick.

JC: Has anybody ever had the guts to play a practical joke on Vince?

MJ: Well the one night he went out with this, it really wasn't practical jokes, they were just straightforward with it. He went out to a club in San Antonio, Texas, and I think he was having problems with contract negotiations with Hulk Hogan and I think he went out to hang around Hulk and try to make amends. Well they were having a pretty good time that night and I think Vince McMahon ended up taking everybody's finish that was in that place. Animal put him up on his shoulders, Hawk climbed up on a table and jumped off and they clotheslined him, took a flip in this place. Then I think Bret Hart put his shooter move on him. Vince was getting knocked around really good. Warlord saw Vince eyeing him and he saw Vince tell one of the guys, "Watch him (Warlord), I'm going to take him down." And Vince I guess maybe had a drink and he was a little louder than he realized and the Warlord overheard him and said, 'Okay, we'll see.' So Warlord just waiting patiently and he saw Vince inching up to him, little by little. Finally, Vince dove down for his leg and Warlord stuck his knee right up in Vince's face and busted his nose. So I guess Vince really got roughed up. We had TV tapings the next day and he came to the TV with a busted nose, cauliflower ear, and scrubs all over his face and he was about three hours late. That's when I reminded him that I came in late and I got fined, I guess it's just a matter of who you are. I was fined several times for being late. I've been fined a $1,000 for one show that was TV and I've been fined several hundred dollars on others. I think Davey Boy holds the record on fines. When Davey and Dynamite were both there, their checks were IOUs, they were owing Vince money, they got fined so much. Well the Bulldogs for a while, could do what they want and get away with it, but as it came to the end of the road, that's when the fines started coming out. At TV, you have to be there at about one o'clock because they have interviews for you to do, they have you do interviews for the foreign markets, you do commercials, they've got a million things.

JC: Do they tell you what to say in your interviews or do you just ad-lib them?

MJ: Usually, most of the guys come up with their own things and if they can't think of something to say, some of the other guys will help him out with it.

JC: Well, here comes the almighty question that always comes up. Have you ever taken steroids before and what is your personal opinion on the use of them in wrestling, or just sports in general?

MJ: I tried them back when I first started wrestling. That was what everybody was doing, so I figured I would give it a shot. Anytime you go to a gym, there's going to people in there wanting to sell it. When I started going to the gym in Kansas City, I ran across a bunch of the guys. They knew I wrestled and they'd say, 'Hey, we could set you up with this, set you up with that.' And I gave it a try, you know, to see what it was all about. But it was worthless to me, because it's just a temporary thing. You only gain weight when you're on it and when you're off it, you lose it right back. It's good if you're getting into a bodybuilding contest or if you need to look big for one show, like a SummerSlam or something, where you want to look huge. It's good for that, but it's not worth the side-effects it gives you. You lose your hair, you age quicker, your skin looks horrible, it's not worth all that to me. For some of the other guys that are 270, it'll put him up to 285 and that will put him up amongst all the big guys, maybe it's worth it to them. But I'm 230 and when I take steroids, I get up to 240, and that's not going to make a damn difference be-

cause I'm still 40 pds smaller. I did it for six weeks back in 1985 when I first started. Me and Dave, D.J. Peterson, who's probably my best buddy that I've met on the road, tried it out together and we both decided the same thing, you know, give it a shot. We did it for six weeks, doing what we call a cycle and we came off it and the weight went right back to where we started. We said, what the hell, it's too expensive and it's not worth it. Some guys could get away with doing a cycle for a couple hundred bucks, but some guys get the growth hormone and it costs them $1,500, $2,000 for a six week cycle. Some guys could do more than that, it could cost them $5,000 a cycle, some guys will take everything. If it's worth it to them, that's fine, that's their deal, to me, there was no sense in it. All it does is speed up what your body is doing naturally, so you're going to age quicker, I don't need that!

JC: Do you think Vince's supposed steroid testing policy is working in the WWF?

MJ: Yeah, there's no steroids in the WWF today and if there is, he probably doesn't know. In fact, he suspended a few guys because they tested positive for steroids. He's sticking with that. I think it's good. I think they should in all sports because it's no longer a matter of who's a better athlete, it's who has the best pharmacist. Better bodies have chemicals in it, that's the way it is. If you have two guys that are pretty much equal and running the hundred yard dash in 9.2 seconds, busting there ass working on it, and then one starts taking steroids, the guy that's not taking them doesn't stand a chance. So maybe he'll go out and get a better steroid and outrun the other guy that took steroids, so it becomes a matter of who's got the best doctor, and that's not really sports anymore. There are so many ways of beating the test too and it's really stupid if you get caught because it's just too easy to beat.

JC: What happened when there was the big steroid craze, when most of the guys were on them? What was happening to the guys that didn't do them?

MJ: Well it was either you did it or you fell behind. It's not just wrestling, it's not just football, it's not just track, it's everywhere. When I was going to high school back in Columbus, Georgia, there was a school where they were telling the kids to take B12 shots and they were giving them testosterone, they were giving them steroids, in high school! And they were state champions a couple years and they were ranked #1 in the nation when they were giving them steroids, and that was back in '80 or '82. It's everywhere. Since it's getting all the publicity now, maybe it's cutting or maybe it's just more quiet or secretive that it's going on. But, it is still going on.

JC: What do you see in the future for yourself?

MJ: If I have my way about it and I'm going to do all I can to have my way about it, I'm going to go back and kick Shawn's ass.

JC: So you'd rather go back to WWF than go to WCW?

MJ: Well, I wouldn't mind going either place, but right now my heart's set on evening the score with Shawn, I can't let it hang where it is right now.

JC: Now when you say that, I mean are talking, you know, Kay Fabing everything or is this legit heat?

MJ: No, I'm talking legit. I'm talking about going in and settling the score with him. I've spent too many years of my life to just walk away and let him run his mouth like he's been doing. You know after a year's time, it's going to be a dead issue, I realize that, but I'll figure a way of bringing it back to life. I've got ideas and ways to bring it back to life because I don't want it to just die and go, I want to revive it, bring it back and settle the score. Then I'll go elsewhere. Where I will go after that, I don't know. But right now, my main goal/sights are set on that. And if that doesn't ever happen, wherever you see me wrestling, you can guarantee yourself that I'm disappointed because I didn't get what I wanted done.

This is the final part of our interview with Marty Jannetty that was conducted by John Clark via telephone from Marty's home near Orlando, Florida, on September 23. Since this interview, Marty received a call from the WWF and they want him to come back to wrestle for them. Of course, he is very happy to come back and he will return with the company at the next TV tapings on 10/12 in Saskatoon, MB. It should be very interesting to see what they do with the Michaels-Jannetty matchup as it could be a feud of the year if it is handled properly.

WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

Afa's tag team of Samu and Fatu had to change their name to The Headshrinkers because the name "Headhunters" is copyrighted by a rock group. The Headshrinkers start up on the road after the late October TV tapings. Kokina will be debuting shortly after that, but his character will be changed. McMahon will be billing him as the first ever Sumo wrestler to compete as a pro wrestler in the US. Expect to see big things from all the Samoans.

Terry Taylor has signed a two-year deal with Titan, but they haven't negotiated on an exact salary as of yet. Terrific Terry wants the work so he can put his six year old and eleven year old sons through the expensive private school system- a good worker and a good father.

There is a great deal of uncertainty surrounding Bob Backlund's position in the company right now. Vince is slowing reintroducing him to the fans on TV and Bob is only wrestling at smaller house shows around his home. There has been a lot of talk about Backlund getting a very big push and eventually winning the belt from Flair. Those plans all depend on how over Backlund gets with the fans.

WWF at the Sheffield Arena in Sheffield, England, on 9/28: Rick Martel pinned Tito Santana. Bushwhackers beat Skinner & Kato. Bret Hart pinned Papa Shango with a rollup. Natural Disasters beat Money Inc when Quake pinned IRS. Virgil beat Genius with the Russian leg sweep. Animal & Crush beat the Beverly Brothers when Crush pinned Beau and neither Paul Ellering nor Rocco were present. Ric Flair cleanly pinned Randy Savage with a cradle at 29:17 in a 4 star match that included all of Flair's excellent spots, great brawling, and awesome technical wrestling. This match was probably so good because Mr. Perfect wasn't there to interfere and ruin the brilliant scientific matches that Flair and Savage can have.

WWF at the NEC Arena in Birmingham, England, on 9/29 in front of a sold out crowd of 12,000 fans: Rick Martel beat Virgil. Money Inc beat Bushwhackers when Ted DiBiase pinned Luke after a spinning neckbreaker. Tito Santana pinned the Genius. Disasters beat Beverly Brothers when Quake pinned Beau. Randy Savage pinned Papa Shango with a flying elbow drop off the top rope. Animal & Crush beat Skinner & Kato when Crush pinned Kato after Crush clotheslined Kato off the top rope as Kato was sitting on top of Animal's shoulders. Crush was in his regular outfit and had no face-paint. They came down the aisle to Animal's music and left the ring to Crush's music. Rocco and Paul Ellering weren't present. In the 25 minute main event, Ric Flair beat Bret Hart by countout in a four star match -excellent.

WWF at the Meadowlands Arena in East Rutherford, NJ, on 10/1 before about 6,500 fans: Tatanka pinned Mountie. USWA superstar Jeff Jarrett beat Iron Mike Sharpe. High Energy beat Double Trouble. British Bulldog beat Shawn Michaels by DQ. Terrific Terry Taylor beat Jim Powers. Jim Duggan beat Repo Man. Big Bossman, Ultimate Warrior, Undertaker beat Razor Ramon, Kamala, Nailz when Warrior pinned Kamala.

WWF at the Boston Garden in Boston, MA, on 10/3 before about 5,000 fans: Powers beat Brawler. Jeff Jarrett beat Barry Horowitz. Tatanka pinned Mountie. High Energy beat Trouble. Duggan pinned Repo. Bulldog beat Michaels by DQ. Undertaker, Warrior, Bossman beat Nailz, Ramon, Kamala.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

Rick Steiner is now out for four to six months as he has injured his right pectoral muscle. Right after Rick suffered this injury, his brother Scott captured the WCW TV Title from Ricky Steamboat on 9/29 in Gainesville, GA. The tag team of Scott and Rick were scheduled to wrestle Williams and Gordy at Havoc, but that match is obviously being changed. As for Steamboat, there is a strong possibility that he will win the US belt from Rick Rude sometime before Havoc. This will leave Rude beltless when he meets Masa Chono for the NWA Championship on the 10/25 PPV.

It has pretty much been confirmed that Tony Atlas will be coming to WCW and it is expected that he will get a big push. He is being brought in to fill the void that was left when Butch Reed was fired.

Paul E. Dangerously desribes his absence from WCW as an extended vacation and he reassures us that he'll be back.

WCW at the Jaffa Mosque in Altoona, PA, on 10/1 before about 2,800 fans: Ron Simmons pinned Cactus Jack. Brian Pillman pinned Brad Armstrong. Erik Watts beat Dallas Page. Shane Douglas pinned Dick Slater. Marcus Bagwell pinned Steve Austin with a high cross body off the second rope. Arn Anderson & Bobby Eaton beat Scott Steiner & Tom Zenk when Eaton pinned Zenk. Barbarian pinned Barry Windham after a big boot. Sting & Dustin Rhodes beat Jake Roberts & Rick Rude when Sting pinned Roberts. Nikita Koloff wasn't there due to a knee injury and Ricky Steamboat no-showed.

WCW at the Armory in Lynchburg, VA, on 10/3: The scheduled and advertised card consisted of nine matches; Dallas Page-Erik Watts, Johnny B. Badd-Dick Slater, Tom Zenk-Greg Valentine, Brad Armstrong-Brian Pillman, Steve Austin-Shane Douglas, Ricky Steamboat-Butch Reed, Nikita Koloff & Dustin Rhodes & Sting-Rick Rude & Jake Roberts & Cactus Jack, Barry Windham-Barbarian, Ron Simmons-Big Van Vader. The card was changed around and only six matches took place. Badd wasn't there due to his elbow injury. Reed wasn't there because he was fired. Tom Zenk and Nikita Koloff were no-shows and Vader is out of the country right now. Results are as follows: Dallas Page pinned Marcus Bagwell with his feet on the ropes. Shane Douglas wrestled Steve Austin to a 15 minute time limit draw in a very good match. Flyin Brian Pillman pinned Brad Armstrong. Ricky Steamboat & Erik Watts beat Greg Valentine & Dick Slater when Steamboat came off the top rope on to Valentine with a high cross body while Valentine was going for the figure-four leglock on Watts. Jake Roberts & Rick Rude beat Sting & Dustin Rhodes when Rhodes was pinned. Ron Simmons & Barry Windham beat Cactus Jack & Barbarian after Simmons caught Cactus with a power-slam while all four were in the ring.

THE INDEPENDENT SCENE

Back in early August, Kerry Von Erich appeared in court and pleaded no contest to six charges of fraudulently ob-

taining prescriptioned drugs. He was to be sentenced on 9/10 with 60 years in prison and $60,000 in fines being the maximum punishment he could have received. However, the hearing was pushed back to 9/28 and then it was pushed back until 9/29 when they found Kerry Adkisson not guilty on the serious charges and the whole ordeal is now over. This long process was especially hard on his girlfriend, describing it as, "a month of hell, not knowing whether he'll be free or whether he'll be gone." Kerry now spends all of his free time with his kids and takes them to fairs, movies, or just for walks in the park. He appears to be very happy now.

WIN at the Original Sports Bar in Baltimore, MD, on 9/29 before about 290 fans: Lord of Darkness Pain pinned Metal Maniac. Ricky Blues beat Jimmy Jannetty. A.J. Fritzoid won a six man elimination tag team match as Sandman, Morgus the Maniac, Nick Tarantino wrestled Fritzoid, Cream Team (Rip Sawyer & Dave Cassanova. WIN Champion A.C. Golden beat the Magnificent Muroco by DQ when Muroco shoved guest referee Nikolai Volkoff.

ECW at the Chestnut Cabaret in Philadelphia, PA, on 9/30 before 220 fans: Glenn Osbourne and Sandman were the last two men remaining in a battle royal, which slated them to wrestle each other later in the evening for the vacant TV Championship. The order of elimination of the participants in the battle royal decided the matches to take place for that evening and because of this, the ECW Tag Team Champs Super Destroyers had to wrestle each other in a one-on-one match that ended in a double-countout as both men walked out on the match. Max Thrasher pinned the Kodiac Bear. Tony Stetson beat the Anchor. J.T. Smith wrestled Tommy Cairo to a no-contest as Sandman and manager Peaches disrupted the match and attacked J.T.'s manager Tigra and stripped her of her clothes, except for her bra and panties, of course. As a result of the battle royal, the Hell Riders tag team were forced to wrestle each other and that match resulted in a no-contest as the Super Destroyers interfered. Mr. X beat a bloody Jimmy Jannetty by countout and after the match Mr. X took off his mask, revealing himself as Rockin' Rebel, a former area wrestler who has been wrestling in Puerto Rico for the last eight months. Terry Taylor pinned Larry Winters in a very good match. Glenn Osbourne pinned Sandman to win the vacant TV Championship. Magnificent Muroco pinned Jimmy Snuka to win the ECW Championship.

ECW at the Kensington Youth Association Building in Philly on 10/2 before about 250 fans: Tommy Cairo pinned Damion Stone. Super Destroyers beat Super Ninja & Samoan Warrior. Sandman pinned J.T. Smith with the use of his surfboard. Johnny Hotbody won a battle royal as he threw out Terry Taylor and Tony Stetson. ECW Champion Don Muroco pinned Nikolai Volkoff. King Kaluha & Scott Summers beat Jimmy Jannetty & Larry Winters. Jimmy Snuka pinned Ivan Koloff. ECW TV Champ Glenn Osbourne wrestled Max Thrasher to a double-countout. Tony Stetson pinned Terry Taylor after 20 great minutes of action in a retirement match where Terry Taylor's manager Stevie Wonderful was forced to retire from wrestling. Near the end of the match, Taylor & Wonderful were arguing outside the ring and Stevie slapped him. Terry got very upset at that and said to Stevie, 'Your career's on the line if I lose?' and proceeded to lay down in the ring, allowing Stetson to pin him for the win, thus Stevie had to retire, something that the audience had much pleasure viewing. Stephen Truitt (Stevie Wonderful) is now the new promoter of Philly for WCW and there are high hopes that WCW will once again draw the crowds that they deserve.

ECW at the Tabor Youth Association Building in Philly on 10/3 before about 380 fans: Ivan Koloff won a battle royal. Larry Winters & Jimmy Jannetty beat Scott Summers & King Kaluha. Tony Stetson pinned Terry Taylor. Glenn Osbourne & Cream Team beat Super Destroyers & Max Thrasher. Tommy Cairo pinned Ivan Koloff. Hell Riders beat Metal Maniac & Rockin' Rebel and Rebel turned on the Maniac after the match. In a mixed tag team match, J.T. Smith & Tigra beat Sandman & Peaches when Tigra pinned Sandman after he was knocked out by his own surfboard. Nikolai Volkoff pinned Vladimir Markov. Jimmy Snuka beat ECW Champion Magnificent Muroco by DQ.

IWCCW in Red Lion, PA, on 10/3: Nikolai Volkoff wrestled Mondo Kleen to a double-countout (Volkoff wrestled that match and then hopped in his car and drove eighty miles to the ECW card in Philly and was wrestling in the ring just five minutes after he arrived). Chris Evans won a battle royal. Sweet Daddy Falcone pinned Jeff Grippley. Chris "The Edge" Evans wrestled A.C. Golden to a time limit draw.

UWA at the Sayreville High School in Sayreville, NJ, on 10/3 before about 700 fans: Johnny Rotten pinned Chris Candito. Cheetah Kid pinned L.A. Gore. Misty Blue pinned Linda Dallas. Little Louie beat Mighty Doomer in a midgets match. Bam Bam Bigelow beat Iron Mike Sharpe. The Samoans (Samu & Afa) beat Warrior Crash & Tahitian Warrior when Samu pinned Tahitian Warrior. Cousin Luke beat Jim Bo Holiday by DQ.

Dennis Coralluzzo's WWA has a show at the high school in

Wayne, NJ, on 11/14 with Eddie Gilbert vs Terry Funk (could be the hardcore match of the year), Sabu vs Chris Candito, Boy Gone Bad & Chris Evans & Tank vs Spider & A.C. Golden & Al "Sledgehammer" McGill.

The Variety Club will be hosting a large dinner party with all WCW wrestlers on 10/24 at the Boarse Building on Broad Street in Philly. Tickets are $25 at (215)735-0803.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO....

Berzerker: John Nord took some time off from the WWF after his match at SummerSlam in England due to an injury that he had earlier suffered during a match with the Undertaker. He slightly dislocated his shoulder and has been at home recuperating, while spending valuable time with his wife and three babies, the newest addition being born just about two months ago. He just had a new Iceland sheep skin vest tailor made for him to wear when he returns to the WWF at the next TV tapings on 10/12 in Saskatoon, MB.

Joe Pedecino and Boni Blackstone: For the first time in seven years, this married couple has nothing to do with the business than watch it on TV. They haven't been involved with wrestling for two months now and they have started their own business, which is called Food Fax. It's a list-of all the restaurants and nightclubs in the area in a newsletter type format that they send to all the companies in their area. They are starting out slow, but they expect it to grow.

Billy Jack Haynes: Ever since Billy Jack did those interviews for the TV shows on the scandals in wrestling, he hasn't gotten one bit of work in the wrestling business. However, he has no regrets about doing them. Since then, he took up boxing and after doing that for a while, he gave that up because of several injuries that he sustained. He is now interested in starting up his own independent organization near his home in Portland, Oregon, that he would also wrestle in.

Andre the Giant: He hasn't been doing much of anything lately, except resting at home and taking care of his big farm in Ellerbe, NC. He just started filming a movie with actress Sissy Spacek in Richmond, VA, and will be tied up with that until the end of October.

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